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SUBJECT: CODEL SCOTT/HUMPHREY IN WARSAW

1. POLISH MEDIA GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE VISIT OF 12 UNITED STATES SENATORS TO WARSAW ON JULY 5. POLISH RADIO AND TELEVISION MADE THE SENATORS' VISIT THEIR LEAD ITEM IN SATURDAY NIGHT TRANSMISSIONS, PRECEDING EVEN THE REPORT OF CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE GDR-POLISH FRIENDSHIP TREATY. THE NATIONAL TV NEWSCAST PRESENTED FILM REPORTS ON THE MEETING WITH PZPR FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK AND THE WREATH-LAYINGS AT THE NIKE AND GHETTO MONUMENTS. STILL FULLER TREATMENT OF THE VISIT WAS GIVEN BY POLISH RADIO NEWSCASTS, WHICH INCLUDED EXCERPTS FROM PRESS-CONFERENCE STATEMENTS BY SENATORS SCOTT AND JAVITS.

2. ALL WARSAW DAILIES ON MONDAY (NONE ARE PUBLISHED ON SUNDAY) CONTAINED FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE WITH PHOTOS. THE PAP ACCOUNT, LEAD ARTICLE IN PZPR ORGAN "GRYBUNA LUDU, REPORTED THAT THE SENATORS AND FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK DISCUSSED "THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY USEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND POLAND, AS WELL AS THE MAIN PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS", IN "A CANDID AND COR-UNCLASSIFIED

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3. POLISH PAPERS QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM GIEREK'S STATEMENTS TO THE SENATORS, INCLUDING THE FIRST SECRETARY'S REQUEST THAT THE SENATORS CONVEY HIS CORDIAL GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT FORD. THE PAP ACCOUNT ALSO REPRTS GIEREK AS SAYING WITH EMPHASIS THAT HIS VISIT IN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS RESULTS REPRESENT "AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE HISTORY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES". THE FIRST SECRETARY ADDED, "OUR GENERATION HAS MADE A BASIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE FURTHER TIGHTENING OF POLISH-AMERICAN COOPERATION, TO THE DETENTE PROCESS, AND TO THE PEACEFUL EXISTENCE OF STATES WITH DIFFERENT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS," PAP ALSO NOTED GIEREKS COMMENT THAT "THE BASIC, DECISIVE MATTER IS THE CONSISTENT REQUIREMENT OF ALL SIDES TO BUILD A CLIMATE OF MUTUAL TRUST".

4. LONG ARTICLES ON INSIDE PAGE OF TODAY'S TRYBUNA LUDU CONCENTRATES ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE VISIT, INCLUDING SENATOR RIBICOFF'S AIRPORT STATEMENT, THE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI, AND THE PRESS CONFERENCE. SENATORS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE GAINED FROM GIEREK AN "IMPRESSION OF POLAND'S UNSHAKEABLE POSITION TOWARD THE DEEPENING AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE DETENTE PROCESS". THE AMERICAN VISITORS EXPRESSED TO THE JOURNALISTS THE VIEW THAT "AN IMPORTANT IMPULSE FOR THE DETENTE PROCESS WOULD BE THE COMING MEETING OF LEONID BREZHNEV WITH GERALD FORD AS WELL AS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH EDWARD GIEREK IN POLAND". ACCORDING TO TRYBUNA LUDU, THE SENATORS SAID "THE DATE FOR THE LATTER VISIT IS NOT YET SET, BUT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IT WILL TAKE PLACE".

5. ACTION REQUESTED: SENATOR SCOTT ASKED THAT AN ACCOUNT OF THE IMMEDIATE COVERAGE OF THE CODEL'S VISIT BE MADE AVAILABE TO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF COPIES OF THIS TELEGRAM COULD BE PROVIDED TO CODEL MEMBERS.
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